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In re Patent Application of:

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Assembly And Method

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Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction set forth in the Official Action identified above, Applicant hereby elects to continue prosecution of claims for the invention designated as Group II, namely Claims 17-20, acknowledging, as always, that Applicant has the right under the priority date of this application, to seek separate patent protection for the invention designated as Group I, while this application remains pending.

With further reference to this specific election of Group II, and in accordance with the Examiner's requirements, Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's assertion that any separate species are identified within Group II on the grounds that bonding laminations together to form a weapon is a fundamental aspect of the invention and all reasonable methods of bonding accordingly are generic to within the scope of the

invention. Within and subject to this traverse and this understanding, Applicant elects the arbitrary Species designated as I, noting that Species I is often understood to include Species K and vice versa.

Applicant and Attorney extend their thanks the Examiner for the completeness and thoroughness with which all arguments are set forth in the subject Official Action, and look forward to further timely and favorable action on the merits of this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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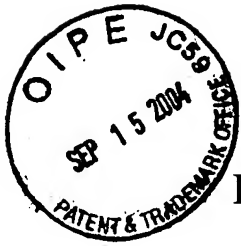
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